

impact on the Fisk University community and that its Centennial Anniversary coincides with the release of the documentary film TWENTY PEARLS about Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first black Greek letter organization founded in 1908. Representative UNDERWOOD also celebrated Honoree WILSON's AKA legacy as the 11th South Atlantic Regional Director and First Pi Chapter alumnae to serve in the United States Congress.

Representative NIKEMA WILLIAMS (GA) honored Pi Chapter for reaching its 100-year milestone, its success, strength and courage, and for showing what leadership looks like and changing the world. Rep. WILLIAMS who now holds the seat vacated by the passing of Fisk graduate and civil rights icon, the Honorable John Lewis, praised Congresswoman WILSON for her decade of service fighting for civil rights and voting rights in Congress and holding America to its promise.

Representative JOYCE BEATTY (OH), current Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and is known as the "conscious of the Congress," saluted and applauded Pi Chapter's organizers, board members, executive staff and all involved in the Centennial Celebration. She saluted Alpha Kappa Alpha for blazing a trail of excellence for over 100 years. CBC Chairwoman BEATTY highlighted Congresswoman WILSON's great successes in establishing the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, founding of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, and efforts to fight for and assist the young girls in Nigeria kidnapped by Boko Haram. Representative BEATTY also noted Representative WILSON's crucial ongoing service on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; chairs the Education and Labor Committee's Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee and serves on the Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee of the United States Congress and the Biden Administration's economic recovery plans for the American people.

On April 6, 1921, Pi Chapter was chartered at Meharry Medical College by Pauline Kigh Reed, Druceilla Barnadano, Clarise Bartlett, Georgia Blackmore, Wilhelmina Bowles, Mildred Harper, Lelia Lyon and Marie Williams. Pi Chapter was the first undergraduate chapter chartered in the South Eastern Region. The chapter was later moved to the historic Fisk University in 1927.

Over the past 100 years, Pi Chapter has initiated more than one thousand sorority sisters who wear the beautiful colors of salmon pink and apple green. The chapter's motto is "The Fine Light of Pi."

Today, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and the sisters of the Pi Chapter proudly stand firm in the sorority's mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in congratulating Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on its Centennial Anniversary and commend it for its contributions to education and for its commitment to the community, state of Tennessee and our country.

HONORING LEON J. ARP

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Leon J. Arp of Blacksburg, Virginia, who passed away on July 23, 2021, at the age of 91. Mr. Arp was a veteran and businessman who greatly contributed to the Blacksburg community.

Mr. Arp was born in Norway, Iowa on June 30, 1930, to Hugo and Leova Arp. After graduating from Walford High School in 1948, he spent four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, serving in air reconnaissance. He married his wife, Kathleen Schulte, in 1955.

He went on to earn his Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Mr. Arp later moved to Virginia to serve as a professor emeritus of Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Tech Blacksburg where he taught for 25 years. In his time there he earned various distinctions and honors for his teaching and research.

Mr. Arp is best known for developing the Arp Respirator in the late 1960s. This design was created to aid infants facing respiratory distress syndrome—at the time the leading cause of infant death in the first week of life. This device is responsible for saving hundreds of infants' lives.

A 1970 Life Magazine profiled this life-saving tool. The article notes that Mr. Arp designed a respirator that could handle the delicacy of premature infants after nearly losing one of his own children to respiratory syndrome. This machine attended an infant's gasp for breath more sensitively than any device in existence at the time. Mr. Arp had continual innovation throughout his career and retained more than 25 patents.

Mr. Arp was preceded in death by his son, William. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Kathleen; his children, Nicholas, John, and Joseph; and eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. I would like to extend to them my condolences.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF KELSEY BEGAYE

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kelsey Begaye, the fifth president of the Navajo Nation, who passed away this month at the age of 70.

A Vietnam veteran, a devoted public servant, and a leader in faith, Kelsey Begaye served his country, his community, and his people for decades.

In 1969, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam as a specialist fourth radio operator for four years.

In the years that followed, he brought dedication and compassion to his work as a substance abuse counselor, a representative of the Kaibeto Chapter in the Navajo Nation Council, and as the fifth president of the Navajo Nation.

Through countless roles, he leaves behind a legacy of faith and a fierce desire to change

the lives of those living in his community for the better.

My wife and I are keeping Mr. Begaye's family, loved ones, and the Navajo Nation in our prayers as we mourn his passing.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRSTSTATE BANK

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of FirstState Bank.

In late 1968, Mr. J.B. McCord, Gen. Robert Duke, Mr. J.O. McCain and Mr. Don Hogan worked with attorney Mr. T. Reuben Bell to create a local bank to serve their community.

FirstState Bank first opened in 1971 as First State Bank of Lineville. A few years later, the bank changed to First State Bank of Clay County. As the bank grew, another location was added in Wedowee and the name was changed to what it is today, FirstState Bank.

The original organizers include: Mr. J.B. McCord, Mr. Bill Ogle, Mr. L.D. Walker, Mr. Bernard Spurlin, Mrs. Bessie McCrary, Mr. Robert Howell, Ms. Nina Faye Bonner, General Robert W. Duke, Mr. Grover Bearden, Mr. W.W. Young, Mr. Don Hogan, Mr. Lester Proctor, Mr. Charles Taylor and Mr. J.O. McCain.

Johnny Appleby was the first employee hired by the bank and worked there until his passing in 2019.

Today, FirstState Bank is thriving under the leadership of President and CEO Steve Foster.

The bank serves both Clay and Randolph Counties.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of FirstState Bank.

REMEMBERING GERALD WESLEY
DONOVAN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a dear friend and a great Marylander who passed away on July 31. Gerald Wesley Donovan was not just the former Mayor of Chesapeake Beach in Calvert County, Maryland. He was the heart and soul of the town and the center of its community for decades. Gerald dedicated his life to preserving the memory of Chesapeake Beach as it had been generations prior and working to reinvigorate it with a new energy for the twenty-first century and as a place where future generations of Marylanders and visitors could enjoy all the best the town and its surroundings could offer.

Having grown up in the county and attended Calver High School, Gerald was raised with a love of service, a love of learning, and a love of country. In addition to attending Baltimore College of Commerce, Prince George's Community College, and the University of Maryland, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in